



**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 ~ 9 A.M.
LADY BIRD GOLF COURSE-CARDINAL ROOM
341 GOLFERS LOOP
FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS 78624**

Members Present:

Mayor Jeryl Hoover
Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Watson
Councilmember Emily Kirchner
Councilmember Tony Klein
Councilmember Sharon Joseph

Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Clinton Bailey, City Manager
Daniel Jones, City Attorney
Lynn Bizzell, Fire Chief
Brian Vorauer, Police Chief
Eric Whiting, Information Technology Director
Laura Hollenbeak, Finance Director
Garret Bonn, Interim City Engineer/Interim Director of Development Services
Kris Kneese, Interim Public Works Director
Tammie Loth, Human Resources Director
Derek Seelig, Police Patrol Lieutenant
Anna Hudson, Historic Preservation Officer
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Special Meeting of the Fredericksburg City Council to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. He announced the quorum has been met.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hoover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CITY COUNCIL ORIENTATION

A. Receive comments from Clinton Bailey, City Manager.

Clinton Bailey, City Manager, stated the purpose of this meeting is to provide the background information and guidance necessary to understand the City government's functions, powers, and procedures.

B. Public comments on Agenda Item

Eric Hammersen, City resident, thanked the City Council for holding this meeting.

C. Consider, discuss, and take action on the following:

i. Texas Open Meetings Act

Daniel Jones, City Attorney, reviewed the Texas Open Meetings Act and its application to the City Council. He also reviewed the requirements of public comments.

ii. Public Information Act

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary, reviewed the Public Information Act and what is considered a record.

iii. City of Fredericksburg City Charter

Clinton Bailey, City Manager, reviewed the City Charter's Articles 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, and 12.

The City Council discussed the need for reviewing the City Charter.

iv. City of Fredericksburg Ethics Ordinance

Daniel Jones, City Attorney, reviewed the City of Fredericksburg Ethics Ordinance and the State Law regarding ethics and conflicts of interest.

v. City of Fredericksburg City Council Rules of Procedure

Clinton Bailey, City Manager, stated he felt the best way to address the City Council Rules of Procedure is to review each Section.

- Section 1 – Rules – no change
- Section 2 – Open Public Meetings Act – no change
- Section 3 – Executive Sessions – no change
- Section 4 – Work Sessions – no change
- Section 5 – Quorum – no change
- Section 6 – Attendance – no change
- Section 7 – Chair of the Council – no change
- Section 8 – Agenda
- Section 9 – Order of Business
- Section 10 – Voting
- Section 11 – Reconsideration of Previous Vote
- Section 12 – Decorum and Debate
- Section 13 – Questions of Parliamentary Procedure
- Section 14 – Notice of Public Hearings
- Section 15 – Adoption of Ordinances

The City Council discussed the following:

- Format options to make the meetings flow easier. Agreed by consensus for each item to staff presentation, public comments, council deliberation/discussion, and vote.
- Public Comment items
- Decorum
- Ordinance – second reading.
- Time, day, and location of the meeting
- Requirement of holding one Regular Meeting a month
- Moving the Council Comments to the beginning of the meeting
- Removing the "edition" of Robert's Rules of Procedures and adding "the current version" agreed by consensus

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to amend the Order of Business in Section 9 to only allow public comments on the agenda items. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to amend the Order of Business in Section 9 by combining the public hearings and the action items to void jumping around the meeting agenda. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kirchner, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to amend the Order of Business in Section 9 by moving Council Comments up on the agenda to follow the Ceremonial/Matters/Proclamations/Employee Recognition item. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Kirchner, to amend Section 15 - Adoption of Ordinances by removing #2. (the second reading requirement) on Ordinances. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to hold the City Council Meeting on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m., to be effective on October 4, 2022. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to have one of the two meetings be a Regular Meeting and the other meeting a Work Session or a Special Meeting with the specifics of which meeting will be the Regular Meeting to be determined by City Staff. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Klein, seconded by Councilmember Watson, to make all changes today, effective on October 4, 2022. The City Council voted five (5) for, and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADJOURN

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Watson, seconded by Councilmember Klein, to adjourn the Tuesday, September 6, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting at 11:04 a.m. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.


Jeryl Hoover
Mayor


Shelley Goodwin, TRMCCMC
City Secretary

